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PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF ACQUIRED IMMUNE DEFICIENCY SYNDROME

Report of the Economic Committee

A. Food and agricultural development

1. The Economic Committee considered the question of food and agricultural development (agenda item 12 (c)) at its 11th, 12th, 14th, 15th and 16th meetings, on 22, 24, 27 and 28 July 1992. It had before it the following documents:

(a) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report on the review and analysis of agrarian reform and rural development, prepared by the secretariat of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations in collaboration with other concerned organizations and bodies of the United Nations system (E/1992/38);

(b) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations on the screw-worm eradication programme (E/1992/72);

(c) Report of the World Food Council on the work of its eighteenth session (WFC/1992/10). 1/

1/ For the final report, see Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 19 (A/47/19).

2. At the 11th and 12th meetings, on 22 July, the Committee held a general discussion on the questions of food and agricultural development (agenda item 12 (c)) and the prevention and control of acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) (agenda item 12 (k)).

3. At the 11th meeting, on 22 July, the Committee heard introductory statements by the Officer-in-Charge of the secretariat of the World Food Council and the representative of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.

4. At the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of Australia (on behalf of the Cairns group) and by the observer for Denmark (on behalf of the Nordic countries). The representative of the Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations made a statement. The representative of the United Nations Development Programme also made a statement.

5. At the 12th meeting, on 22 July, statements were made by the representatives of China, Japan, the United States of America, Canada, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Chile, Morocco, the Philippines and Bangladesh. The representative of the Commission of the European Communities made a statement. The representative of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization made a statement. The representative of the International Organization of Consumers Unions, a non-governmental organization in consultative status with the Council, category I, also made a statement.

Second Phase of IFAD's Special Programme for Africa

6. At the 14th meeting, on 24 July, the representative of Madagascar, on behalf of the African States, introduced a draft resolution (E/1992/C.1/L.11/Rev.1) entitled "Second Phase of IFAD's Special Programme for Africa".

7. At the 16th meeting, on 28 July, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Selim Yenel (Turkey), informed the Committee of the outcome of the informal consultations held on the draft resolution.

8. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution E/1992/C.1/L.11/Rev.1 (see para. 22 below, draft resolution I).

Food and agricultural development

9. At the 15th meeting, on 27 July, the representative of Pakistan, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77, introduced a draft resolution (E/1992/C.1/L.13) entitled "Food and agricultural development", which read as follows:

"The Economic and Social Council,

"Having considered the report of the World Food Council on its eighteenth session, held in Nairobi from 23 to 26 June 1992, 2/

"Reaffirming the role of the World Food Council in the fight against hunger,

"Expressing concern over the ever-increasing number of hungry people,

"Recognizing the need for the role and functioning of the World Food Council to be reviewed,

"1. Endorses the recommendations of the World Food Council at its eighteenth ministerial session;

"2. Welcomes the ministerial decision of the World Food Council to set up an ad hoc committee to develop specific proposals for the reform of the Council. 3/"

10. At the 16th meeting, on 28 July, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Selim Yenel (Turkey), introduced a draft resolution (E/1992/C.1/L.19), submitted on the basis of the informal consultations held on draft resolution E/1992/C.1/L.13.

11. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution E/1992/C.1/L.19 (see para. 22 below, draft resolution II).

12. In the light of the adoption of draft resolution E/1992/C.1/L.19, draft resolution E/1992/C.1/L.13 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

Documents considered by the Council in connection with the question of food and agricultural development

13. At the 16th meeting, on the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to recommend to the Economic and Social Council that it take note of the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report on the review and analysis of agrarian reform and rural development, prepared by the secretariat of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations in collaboration with other concerned organizations and bodies of the United Nations system (E/1992/38) and the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations on the screw-worm eradication programme (E/1992/72) (see para. 23 below).

2/ WFC/1992/10.

3/ Ibid., part one.

B. Prevention and control of acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS)

14. The Economic Committee considered the question of the prevention and control of acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) (agenda item 12 (k)) at its 11th, 12th, 15th and 16th meetings, on 22, 27 and 28 July 1992. It had before it a note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Director-General of the World Health Organization on the prevention and control of acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) (A/47/289-E/1992/68).

15. At the 11th and 12th meetings, on 22 July, the Committee held a general discussion (see paras. 2-5 above).

16. At the 11th meeting, the Committee heard introductory statements by the Deputy Director of the Global Programme on AIDS of the World Health Organization and the representative of the Economic and Social Council Affairs and Inter-Agency Coordination Division of the Department of Economic and Social Development.

Prevention and control of acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS)

17. At the 15th meeting, on 27 July, the representative of Austria introduced a draft decision (E/1992/C.1/L.14) entitled "Prevention and control of acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS)". Subsequently, Norway, 4/ Sweden and the United States of America joined in sponsoring the draft decision, which read as follows:

"The Economic and Social Council:

"(a) Endorses the recommendations of the Management Committee of the Global Programme on AIDS concerning coordination of human immunodeficiency virus/AIDS activities at both the global and the country level, and encourages all organizations of the United Nations system to collaborate in carrying out those recommendations;

"(b) Takes note of the report of the Director-General of the World Health Organization on the implementation of the global strategy for the prevention and control of AIDS; 5/

"(c) Endorses the updated global strategy for the prevention and control of AIDS. 6/"

4/ In accordance with rule 72 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council.

5/ A/47/289-E/1992/68, annex.

6/ World Health Assembly document A/45/29.

18. At the 16th meeting, on 28 July, the Vice-Chairman of the committee, Mr. Selim Yenel (Turkey), introduced a draft resolution (E/1992/C.1/L.21), submitted on the basis of the informal consultations held on draft decision E/1992/C.1/L.14.

19. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution E/1992/C.1/L.21 (see para. 22 below, draft resolution III).

20. Before the adoption of the draft resolution, the representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland made a statement on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Economic Community.

21. In the light of the adoption of draft resolution E/1992/C.1/L.21, draft decision E/1992/C.1/L.14 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

C. Recommendations of the Economic Committee

22. The Economic Committee recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

DRAFT RESOLUTION I

Second Phase of IFAD's Special Programme for Africa

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolutions 1989/88 of 26 July 1989, in which it stressed the urgent need for substantial progress in stimulating food production in developing countries, and 1991/95 of 26 July 1991 on the Second Phase of IFAD's Special Programme for Africa,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 45/207 of 21 December 1990, in which the Assembly urged the international community to support the efforts of developing countries by increasing even more the flow of resources, including concessional flows for agricultural development,

Bearing in mind General Assembly resolution 46/151 of 18 December 1991, in which the Assembly adopted the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s,

Recalling resolution CM/Res.1416 (LVI) on the second phase of IFAD's Special Programme for Africa, adopted by the Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity at its fifty-sixth ordinary session and endorsed by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity, held in Dakar in July 1992,

Noting with satisfaction the effective implementation of the First Phase of IFAD's Special Programme for Africa, including the mobilization of the target level of US$ 300 million,

Recalling also resolution 67/XIV of the Governing Council of IFAD on the establishment of a Second Phase of the Special Programme and its decision inter alia to:

> "take note of the appeal made by the African members that every effort should be made to reach a target of US$ 300 million for the Second Phase of the Special Programme;
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> appeal to all members in a position to do so to contribute generously, on a voluntary basis, to the Special Resources for Africa (SRS) for the Second Phase of the Special Programme of three years, bearing in mind the level of resources mobilized for the first Phase and its successful implementation;"

Further noting the progress made on the preparatory activities for the launching of the Second Phase of the Special Programme, including the development of a pipeline of projects in an advanced stage of preparation,

Expressing its deep appreciation for the contributions pledged by a number of industrialized and developing Member States to the Second Phase of the Special Programme:

1. Appeals to the international community to contribute generously, on a voluntary basis, to the Second Phase of the Special Programme;

2. Also appeals to those donors that have generously made firm pledges for the Second Phase of the Special Programme to deposit their instruments of contribution so as to permit the Second Phase of the Special Programme to become effective as soon as possible, in 1992.

DRAFT RESOLUTION II

Food and agricultural development

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the report of the World Food Council on its eighteenth session, held in Nairobi from 23 to 26 June 1992, 7/

Noting the role of the World Food Council in the fight against hunger,

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7/ WFC/1992/10.

Expressing concern over the ever-increasing number of people suffering from hunger and situations of famine,

Recognizing the need for the role, functioning and mandate of the World Food Council to be reviewed,

1. Endorses the recommendations of the World Food Council at its eighteenth ministerial session; 8/

2. Welcomes the decision of the World Food Council to set up an ad hoc committee to make specific proposals respecting the World Food Council's mandate, functions and options for its future role, for consideration by the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session. 9/

DRAFT RESOLUTION III

Prevention and control of acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS)

The Economic and Social Council,

Taking note with appreciation of the report of the Director-General of the World Health Organization on the implementation of the global strategy for the prevention and control of AIDS, 10/

1. Endorses the updated global strategy for the prevention and control of AIDS as the global policy framework; 11/

2. Also endorses the recommendations of the Management Committee of the World Health Organization Global Programme on AIDS concerning coordination of human immunodeficiency virus (HIV)/AIDS activities at both the global and the country level, and requests all relevant organizations of the United Nations system to collaborate in carrying out those recommendations; 12/

3. Requests the relevant agencies of the United Nations system, in elaborating improved country-level coordination mechanisms, to take into account the important role the resident coordinator should play in such mechanisms to ensure effective implementation of the updated global strategy;

8/ Ibid., part one.

9/ Ibid.

10/ A/47/289-E/1992/68, annex.

11/ World Health Assembly document A/45/29.

12/ GPA/GMC/92.14.

4. Also requests the Secretary-General, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 45/264, of 13 May 1991, to invite the Director-General of the World Health Organization, acting in close collaboration with other appropriate bodies, organs and programmes of the United Nations system, to report, through the Secretary-General, to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1993 on further developments concerning coordination of HIV/AIDS activities at the global and country levels.

23. The Economic Committee also recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft decision:

Documents considered by the Economic and Social Council in connection with the question of food and agricultural development

The Economic and Social Council takes note of the following documents:

(a) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report on the review and analysis of agrarian reform and rural development, prepared by the secretariat of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations in collaboration with other concerned organizations and bodies of the United Nations system; 13/

(b) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations on the screw-worm eradication programme. 14/

13/ E/1992/38.

14/ E/1992/72.